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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – Officers Fell III After Responding to Passed out Motorist

(U) Several first-responders fell ill in San Francisco while attempting to help a motorist who passed out on the Golden Gate Bridge. The incident began with reports of an impaired driver stopped on the northbound lanes of the bridge. Believing the driver to be overdosing on fentanyl, officers provided treatment through the narcotic overdose spray Narcan. Shortly after, officers fell ill and were treated at a hospital for exposure to fentanyl. A hazmat team was called on scene to decontaminate the car. All responders were released from the hospital and the driver was booked on suspicion of DUI. SOURCE: 14 September 2020, NBC News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Officers Discover \$6.6 Million in Narcotics at Hidalgo and Pharr International Bridges

(U) Pharr – US Customs and Border (CBP) Protection intercepted a load of hard narcotics at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility. The seizure consisted of alleged methamphetamine and heroin that was concealed within a commercial shipment of produce arriving from Mexico. CBP officers also detected methamphetamine on a man attempting to enter the US walking from Mexico. The combined estimated street value of both seizures is \$6,679,500.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, US CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Virginia – USPS Employee Shot in Virginia, Second Worker Attacked in Less than a Week

(U) Prince William County – A US Postal Service employee was reportedly shot and left with serious injuries in Virginia. The employee sustained "serious," but non-life-threatening injuries according to Prince William County Police. It's unclear what prompted the shooting, but the incident came just after another USPS employee was shot and critically injured in Chicago. The US Postal Inspection Service is currently offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, Fox News

(U) Washington – Veterans' Records, Personal Information Exposed in Data Breach

(U) District of Columbia – The personal information of some 46,000 veterans was compromised in a breach that targeted private financial data as some health care payments were redirected to fraudulent accounts. Officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) found payments that were intended for veteran treatment at multiple community health centers had been diverted. The VA is in the process of notifying affected veterans and next-of-kin in cases where the person who had their information accessed is deceased.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, ABC News

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany - Suspect in Possible Islamic Extremist Stabbing Attack Arrested in Germany

(U) Stolberg – An assailant stabbed the driver of a car in western Germany and investigators weren't ruling out an Islamic extremist motive for the attack. Two men, including the suspect, were arrested shortly after the incident and face possible terrorism charges. The attack occurred near the Belgian border as the victim was stabbed while driving slowly through Stolberg. The victim sustained wounds to the arm and later underwent an operation for the injuries.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, Fox 32

(U) Iraq – Iraqi Commandos Capture Islamic State Leader, Kill Associate in Western Iraq

(U) Baghdad – The Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service conducted an operation in Iraq's western province of Anbar, capturing an ISIS local leader and killing an associate. The troops, backed by US-led coalition aircraft, carried out the operation. The operation resulted in the capturing of a prominent local leader and the killing of an associate who was the main funder for IS in the al-Rutba area.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, Xinhua Net

(U) Lebanon – Four Lebanese Soldiers and Militant Killed in Army Raid

(U) Beirut – Four Lebanese soldiers were killed overnight when they raided a house in north Lebanon in pursuit of a militant wanted in connection with a fatal shooting last month. The militant was killed in the hours after the raid as he tried to flee. The militant was identified as a former member of ISIS and leader of a cell behind the killing last month of three people in the north Lebanese village of Kaftoun. The initial statement stated three soldiers had been killed in the incident, but a fourth later died of his wounds. SOURCE: 14 September 2020, <u>US News</u>

(U) Syria – Terror Attack Kills Nine in Northwestern Syria

(U) Afrin – At least nine people were killed and 43 injured in a explosion in northwestern Syria. An explosives-laden small truck went up in the opposition-held city of Afrin. Investigation of the attack and identifying the people involved continue. Turkish authorities claim YPG/PKK terrorists continue to carry out attacks, but do not claim responsibility as they end up harming civilians.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, Anadolu Agency

(U) Venezuela - Chief Prosecutor Charges Detained US 'Spy' with Terrorism, Weapons Trafficking

(U) Caracas – Venezuela's chief prosecutor announced charges of terrorism and weapons trafficking against an alleged US "spy" who was detained last week in the South American country. The prosecutor further stated that the US citizen was plotting attacks against Venezuela's oil industry and electricity system. The US State Department had no immediate comment. The US citizen was not carrying a passport and had entered illegally via the Colombian border.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, Reuters

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